

# **TOTAL AND SPECTRAL SOLAR IRRADIANCE**

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## **1. SOLAR TOTAL IRRADIANCE (SOLAR CONSTANT)**

- RECENT SPACECRAFT OBSERVATIONS
- TOTAL IRRADIANCE VARIATIONS
  - SHORT TERM VARIATIONS (DAYS)
  - 11-YEAR VARIABILITY

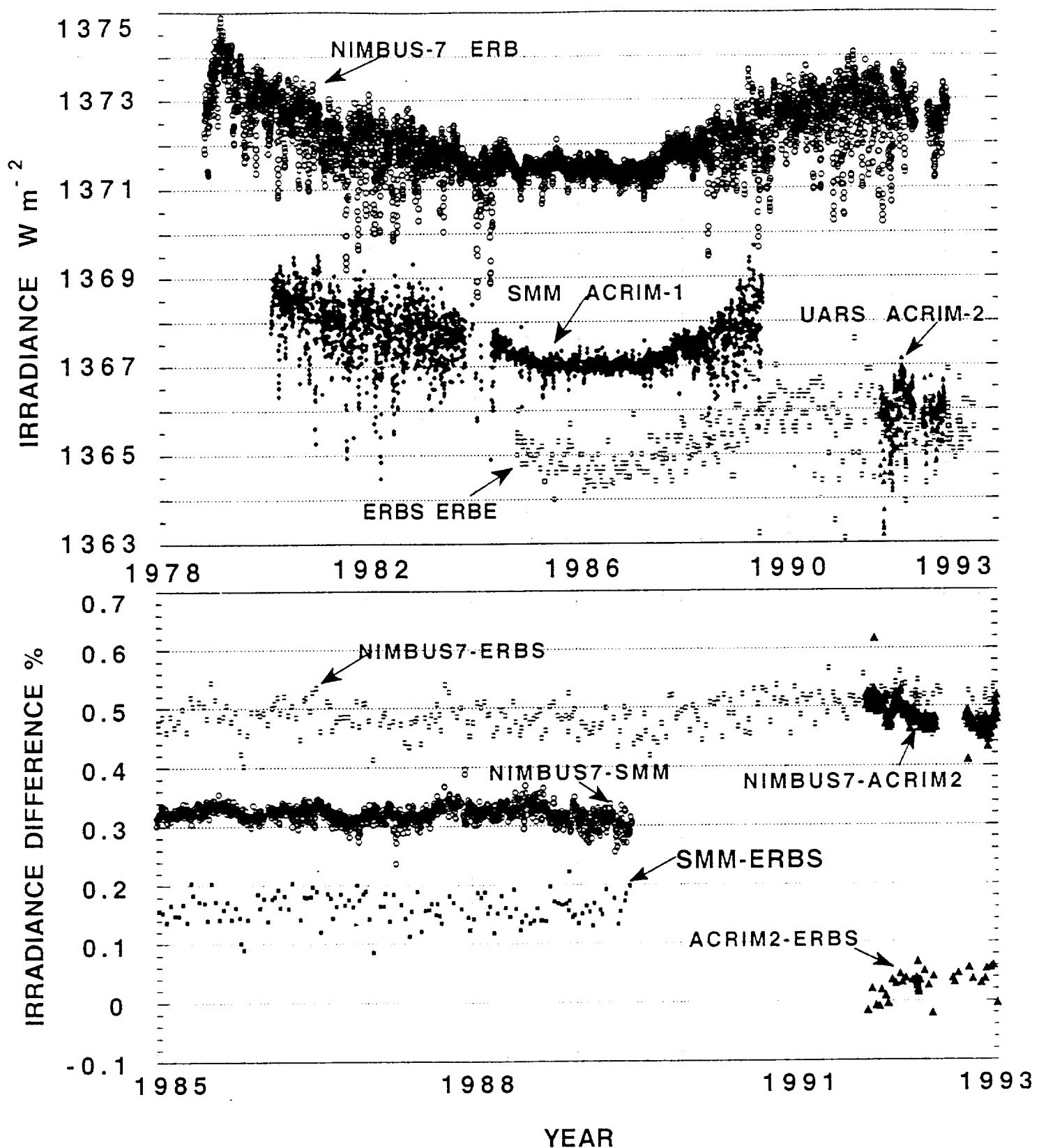
## **2. SOLAR SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE**

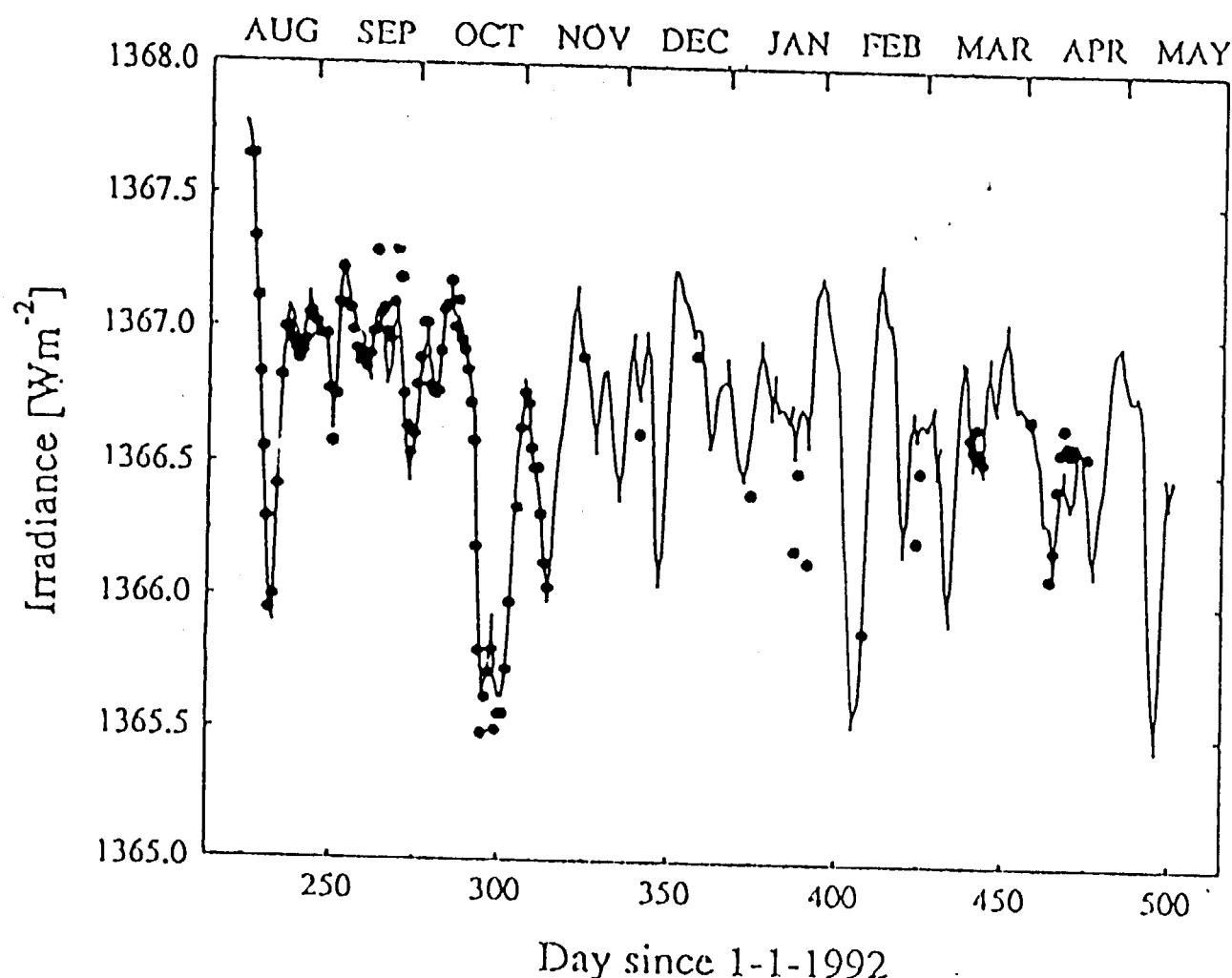
- SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE VARIABILITY
  - ULTRAVIOLET
  - FRAUNHOFER LINE
- VARIATIONS IN THE VISIBLE AND IR
- RECENT SPACECRAFT MEASUREMENTS
- DATA AVAILABLE - AT PRESENT

## **3. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

## SOLAR TOTAL IRRADIANCE-SPACECRAFT OBSERVATIONS

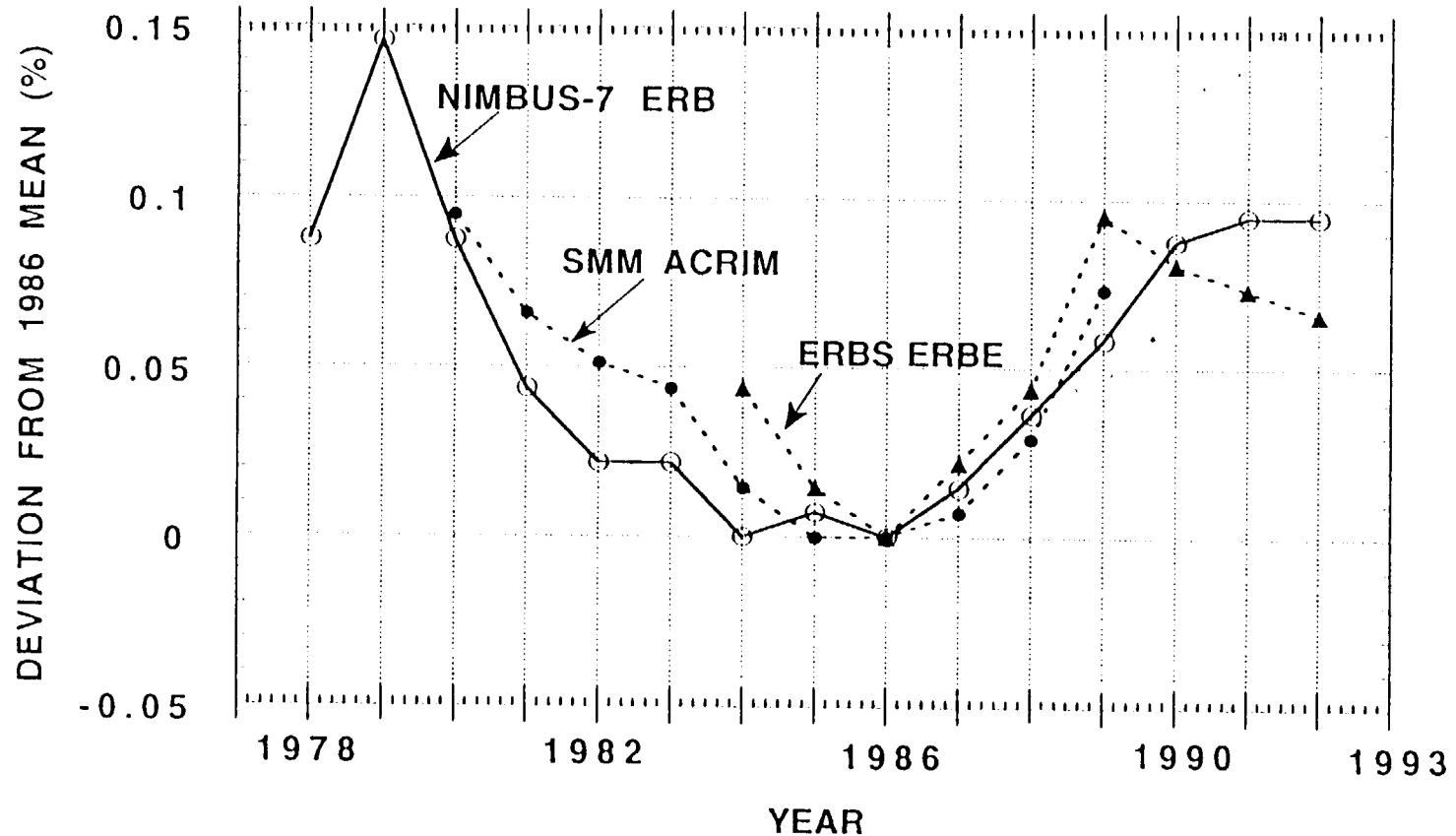
<b>SPACECRAFT</b>	<b>RADIOMETER/ABSOLUTE ACCURACY</b>	<b>OBSERVATION PERIOD</b>
<b>NIMBUS-7</b>	<b>HICKEY-FRIEDEN (H-F) / 0.5%</b>	<b>NOV.1978- JAN 1993</b>
<b>SMM</b>	<b>ACRIM-1 (ACR 0.2%)</b>	<b>FEB.1980-JULY 1989</b>
<b>ERBS</b>	<b>ERBE (ACR 0.2%)</b>	<b>OCT.1984-PRESENT</b>
<b>UARS</b>	<b>ACRIM-2 (ACR 0.2%)</b>	<b>OCT.1991-PRESENT</b>
<b>EURECA</b>	<b>SOVA-1 (CROM) SOVA-2 (PM06)</b>	<b>AUG 10,'92-MAY 16,'93</b>
<b>SPACE SHUTTLE</b>		
<b>ATLAS-1 &amp;</b>	<b>ACR &amp; SOLCON</b>	<b>23 MARCH-2 APRIL 1992</b>
<b>ATLAS-2</b>	<b>ACR &amp; SOLCON</b>	<b>March 1993</b>

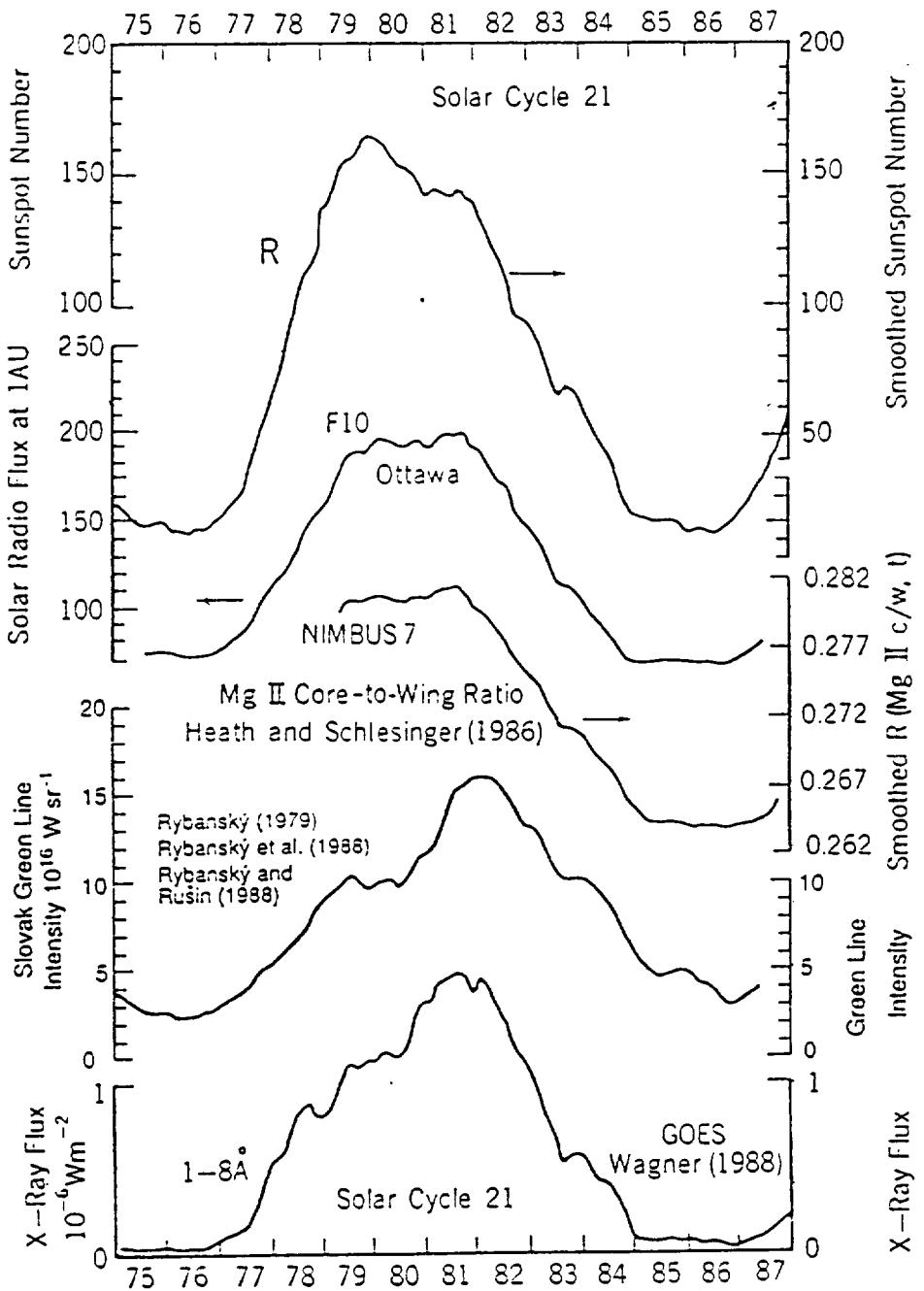




Daily mean values of the total solar irradiance during the EURECA mission as measured by the 'active' (continuous line) and 'back-up' (dots) radiometers of SOVA 2.

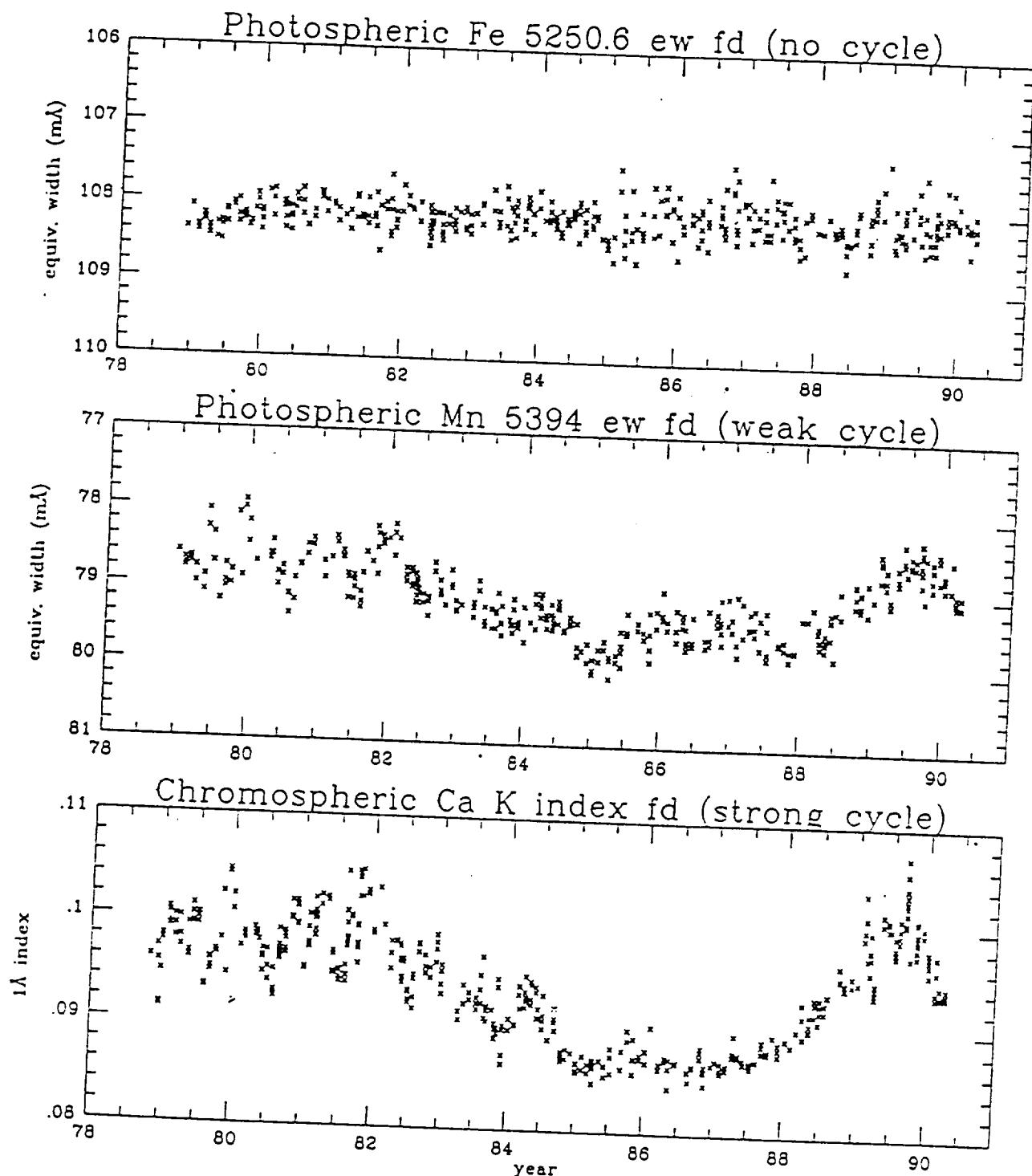
Solar Physics 152: 23–29, 1991





Smoothed solar cycle 21 variations for the photospheric sunspot number, F10 solar radio flux, chromospheric MgII core-to-wing ratio, coronal green-line effective intensity (CI), and the very hot and active coronal 1-8 Å flux. The 10.7 cm solar radio flux units (sfu) are  $10^{-22} \text{ W m}^{-2}\text{Hz}^{-1}$  (Donnelly, 1990).

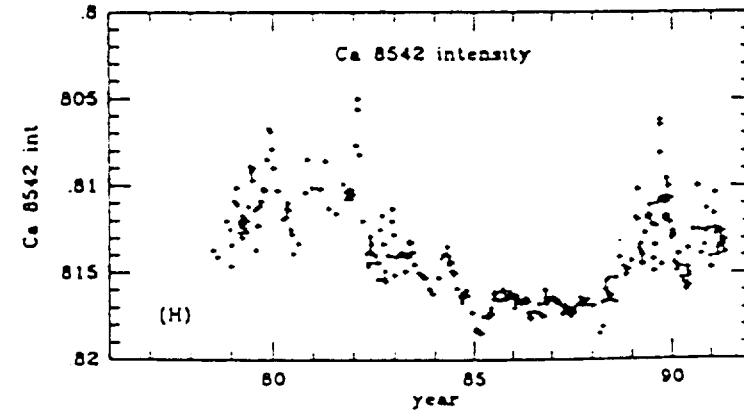
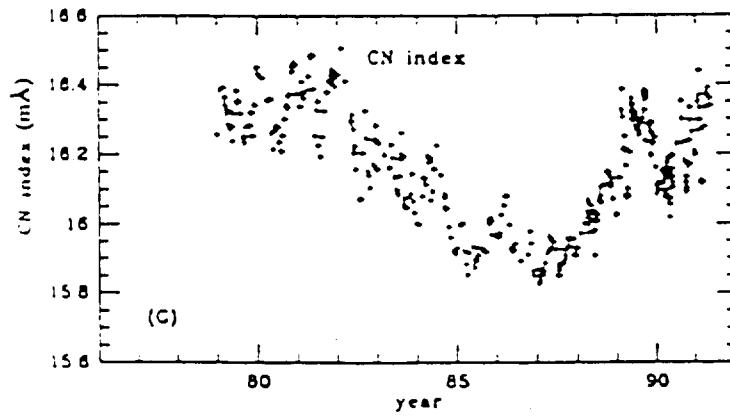
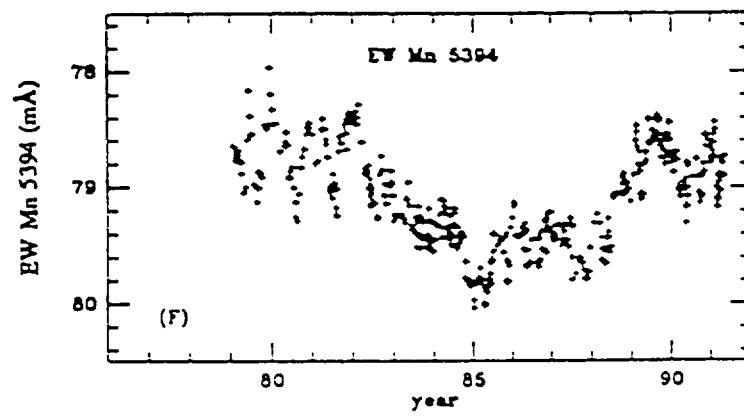
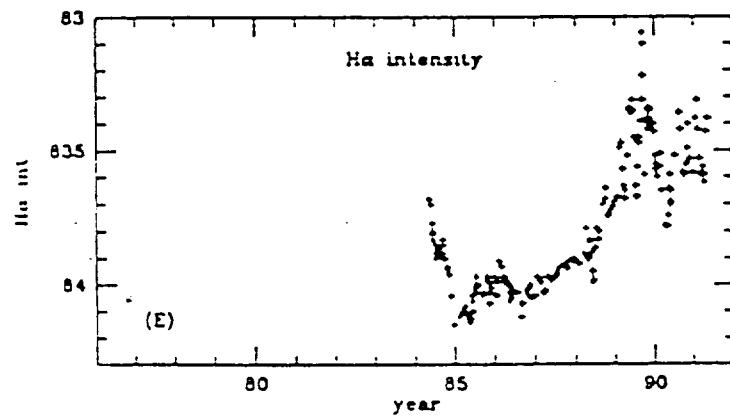
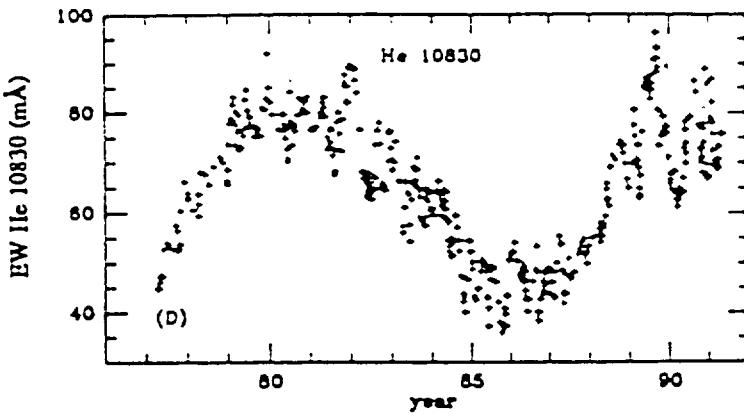
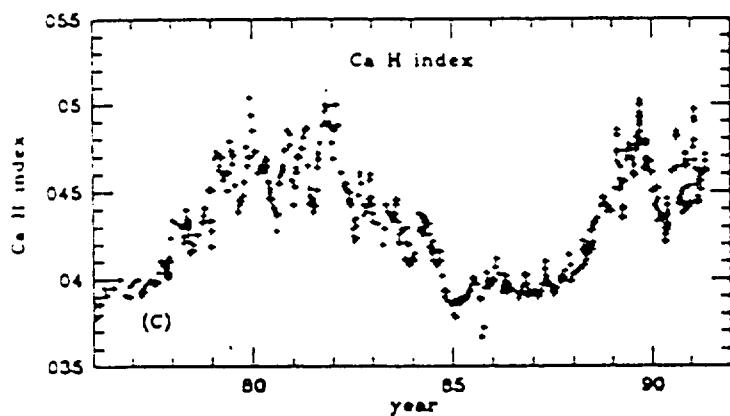
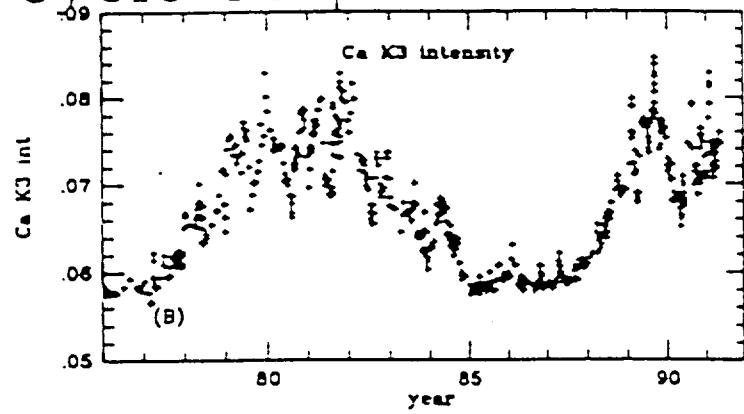
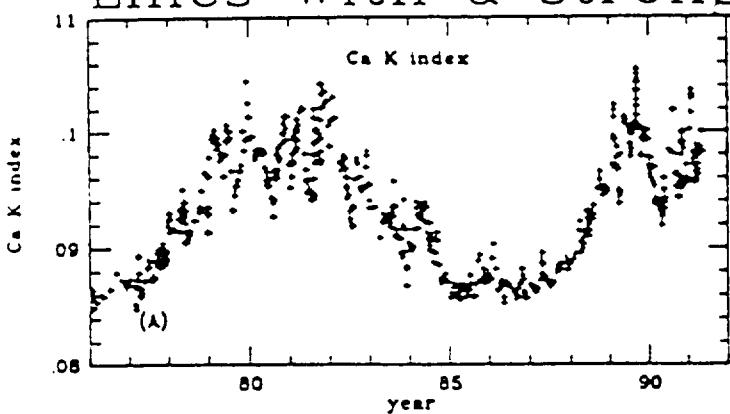
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Examples of solar cycle behavior of selected lines in Fig. 1. The Mn 5394 plot is inverted to agree in sense with Ca K.

Livingston W.C. 1990 NASA CP p. 336 - 340.

# Lines with a strong cycle response



Time series for lines which respond strongly to solar cycle activity.

## SOLAR SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE OBSERVATIONS FROM SPACECRAFT

EURECA (EUROPEAN RETRIEVEABLE CARRIER)  
ATLAS-1 MARCH 29-APRIL 2, 1992 (9 MONTHS)

$\lambda$  180–3200 nm  
resolution 1 nm below 800 nm  
20 nm above 800 nm

### RESULTS TO BE PUBLISHED

### RESULTS SHOW GOOD AGREEMENT WITH:

- SPACELAB 1 MISSION, 1983 (PRIVATE COMMUNICATION)

SOLAR SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE AT : 335 nm  
500 nm  
862 nm measured by SOVA-2 ON EURECA

THE DATA SETS SHOW THE SOLAR VARIABILITY ON TIME SCALES FROM  
MINUTES TO THE MISSION DURATION

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**DATA AVAILABLE - AT PRESENT**

- 1. H.NECKEL AND D. LABS, THE SOLAR RADIATION BETWEEN 3300-12500 Å,  
SOLAR PHYSICS, 90 (1984), 205**
  
- 2. A.Keith Pierce, R.G.ALLEN, The SOLAR SPECTRUM BETWEEN  
0.3 AND 10  $\mu$ m, IN SOLAR OUTPUT AND ITS VARIATION,  
EDITED BY O.R.WHITE , COLORADO ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITY PRESS 1977**

## SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

### SOLAR ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION STUDY FOR SOLAR CYCLE 22(SOLERS22)

- INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

#### MAIN GOAL, TO DETERMINE:

- THE DAILY FLUX VALUES OF TOTAL SOLAR IRRADIANCE
- SOLAR SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE IN THE IR, VISIBLE UV, EUV, X-RAY WAVELENGTH RANGES FOR SOLAR CYCLE 22

FOR USE IN RESEARCH OF THE TERRESTRIAL EFFECTS OF SOLAR ACTIVITY

RECOMMEND: THE DATA AVAILABLE IN THE LITERATURE- FOR THE PRESENT